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FOR HALOGEN-CONTAINING POLYMERS"**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT "B"**

Sir,

In response to the Official Office Action mailed September 30, 2003,  
Applicants respond as follows: